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MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, WAR AND NAVY April 2, 1946 --- 11 A. M.

Present:

The Secretary of State

The Secretary of War, accompanied by
Assistant Secretary Petersen

The Secretary of the Navy, accompanied by
Captain R. L. Dennison

Admiral Souers

Mr. Matthews

NOTED BY
SECRETARY OF WAR

International Intelligence Authority-- Liquidation of SSU

Mr. Byrnes suggested that the meeting first discuss Admiral Souers' question of policy for liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit transferred to the War Department from OSS by the Executive Order of September 20, 1945. Admiral Souers presented a policy paper on this question which he said had the approval of the several Intelligence Chiefs and was awaiting approval of the National Intelligence Authority. The paper provided for continued liquidation of the SSU and the utilization of its functions until final liquidation by June 30, 1947. He mentioned, in this connection, the situation in China where General Wedemeyer had called for a special survey. SSU personnel in China now approximate 250. Total personnel of SSU is about 2,000 which is being reduced at the rate of about 300 a month. In reply to a question Admiral Souers stated that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover had been very cooperative in the activities of the Central Intelligence Group. With the addition of administrative amendments proposed by the War Department, the policy paper and draft directive on SSU were approved by the three Secretaries and Admiral Souers undertook to obtain Admiral Leahy's approval thus completing NIA action thereon. (Admiral Souers then left the meeting.)

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